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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND DANISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER

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1. NOTING FROM REFTEL THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS HAD REQUESTED  
AN APPOINTMENT FOR FONMIN K.B. ANDERSEN WITH THE SECRETARY BEFORE  
THE NATO MEETING, DCM INQUIRED OF MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLDENBURG  
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECT THE DANES WISHED  
TO RAISE IN ANY SUCH CONVERSATION. IN RESPONSE, OLDENBURG SAID THAT  
HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIAL TOPIC:

HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT ANDERSEN, AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL

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OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (FOR POLITICAL SUBJECTS), WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE

WITH THE SECRETARY "ALL THOSE DIFFICULTIES" BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE WHICH HAVE BECOME EVIDENT LATELY AND WHICH, HE HASTENED TO ADD, THE DANES FIRMLY BELIEVE ARE OF A PASSING NATURE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RAISE OUR QUERY DIRECTLY WITH ANDERSEN WHEN HE SAW HIM LATER ON DEC. 7 AND WOULD ADVISE US IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WISHED TO FOCUS ON ANY SUBJECT:

2. COMMENT: ANDERSEN IS, OF COURSE, A LAME DUCK FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT HE WILL REMAIN AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN PARLIAMENT AND COULD RETURN TO A MINISTERIAL POSITION AT AN EARLY DATE. IF THE MEETING IS ARRANGED, THE SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO ASK FOR ANDERSEN'S VIEWS ON THE TIMING AND COMPOSITION OF THE NEXT DANISH GOVT AND ITS LIKELY LIFE EXPECTANCY. SEEN FROM COPENHAGEN, ANDERSEN (AND THE OTHER DANISH MINISTERS) HAVE DONE GENERALLY EFFECTIVE JOBS IN THEIR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE EC COUNCIL DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND A WORD TO THAT EFFECT FROM THE SECRETARY WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED. THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT ANDERSEN, A PERENNIAL OPTIMIST, WOULD LIKE TO END HIS CHAIRMANSHIP ON AN UPBEAT NOTE AS FAR AS US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS ARE CONCERNED, AND HE WILL PROBABLY TEND TO PUT A MORE ROSY HUE ON THE SITUATION THAN SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE MIGHT. ANDERSEN MAY TAKE THE OCCASION TO TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY THE NINE FOUNDMINS SEEM TO HAVE SHIED AWAY FROM A MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS AND TO ELABORATE ON WHAT BARTELS DESCRIBED AS THE "LONG AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS" AMONG THE NINE ON THIS ISSUE.

3. THE SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO TAKE THE OCCASION TO THANK ANDERSEN FOR THE FAVORABLE DANISH VOTE ON THE KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE. OLDENBURG HAS INFORMED US THAT IF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION (PRC-ALGERIA) HAD COME TO A VOTE, DENMARK WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST IT. WE UNDERSTAND (FROM ANOTHER SOURCE) THAT ANDERSEN PERSONALLY TOOK DIFFICULT DECISION TO DISTANCE DANISH POSITION FROM OTHER NORDICS, ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE OF FEAR OF CREATING UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT OVER WHO REPRESENTS WHOM IN MIDDLE EAST.  
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